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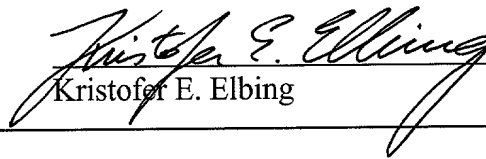
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, REPLY TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY,
AND REQUEST FOR UPDATED FILING RECEIPT**

In the Abstract

Please amend the application to include the abstract attached to this preliminary amendment.

In the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph of this application with the following paragraph in clean form.

This application is a continuation-in-part of a United States patent application entitled "Hybrid-Scanning Spectrometer" filed March 26, 2001, serial no. 09/817,785, which is herein incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

This amendment is in reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed October 15, 2001. It is also intended to provide the office with the serial number of the parent of this application.

Priority Claim

Applicant hereby confirms that this application is a continuation-in-part of a United States patent application entitled "Hybrid-Scanning Spectrometer" filed March 26, 2001, serial no. 09/817,785, which is herein incorporated by reference. This confirmation is made in order to provide the office with the serial number of the parent of this application, which was unavailable to the applicant at the time of filing.

While the claim of priority was made at the time of filing, it was not reflected on the filing receipt. Applicant therefore requests that an updated filing receipt now be sent to applicant reflecting the claim of priority.

Reply to Notice of Incomplete Reply

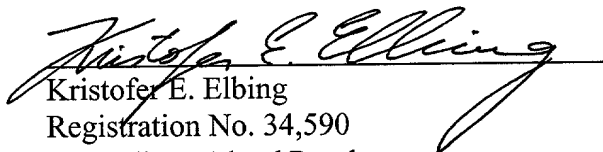
A Notice of Incomplete Reply was mailed October 15, 2001. This Notice indicated that a an abstract was not provided for this application. The present amendment provides the requested abstract.

On October 31, 2001, applicant's attorney contacted Joyce Riley in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE). She stated that the indication in the Notice of Incomplete Reply that provided for the payment of additional extension fees was incorrect. For this reason, applicants have not submitted a request for a third month extension of time for this application. If such a paper and the necessary fee, or any other fee, is required in order to maintain the pendency of this application, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to consider this paper to act as a request for extension of time, and to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0750.

This application should now be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to consider this paper to act as a request for extension of time, and to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0750.

Respectfully submitted,

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